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On June 13, 2000

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By: Linda Rolisch

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

KATSUYUKI MUSAKA et al.

Application No.: 09/187,551

Filed: November 5, 1998

For: METHOD FOR FORMING A THIN
FILM FOR A SEMICONDUCTOR
DEVICE

Examiner: Marianne Padgett

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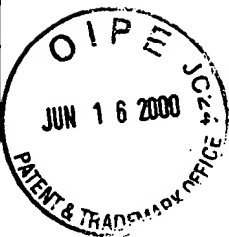
Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 14, 2000, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim ~~30~~ without prejudice and amend claims 27 and 32 as follows. Note that the remaining claims are unamended but are reproduced below for the Examiner's convenience and reference.

1. A method of forming a conformal thin film of silicon oxide on a substrate having spaced conductive lines thereon comprising the steps of:
mounting a substrate onto a substrate support in a vacuum chamber;



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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment Under 37 CFR 1/116 in the above-identified application. Also enclosed are two return receipt
postcards.

If any extension of time is needed, then this response should be considered a petition therefor.

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